

Update: New Haven Line M-8 Rail Cars
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This status report will be updated periodically to provide the most current information on the M-8 rail car procurement.

Current Status of the M-8s

Delivered to New Haven Yard	Under Inspection and Testing by Kawasaki Rail Car, Inc.	Conditionally Accepted by Metro- North Railroad	Information Provided
76	12	64	1/10/2012
68	8	60	12/22/11
56 (total)	12	44	11/28/11
38 (total)	8	30	10/1/11
36 (total)	6	30	9/1/11
34 (total)	4	30	8/1/11
34 (total)	8	26	6/14/11
32 (total)	12	20	6/6/11
28 (total)	8	20	5/16/11

**State of Connecticut and MTA/Metro-North Railroad Approve Purchase of
25 M-8 Single Rail Cars**

Twenty-five (25) single M-8 rail cars have been added to the 380 M-8 rail cars already on order from Kawasaki Rail Car, Inc. for use on the New Haven Line for a total M-8 fleet size of 405. Adding the 25 cars to the existing order will ensure the best possible price. The new cars will be “singles,” as opposed to the “married pairs” now being delivered. This will provide the advantage of being able to add one car instead of two; a more effective approach to add capacity on trains to meet ridership growth.

The 25 single cars cost about \$3.325 million each for a total of about \$93 million; Connecticut’s share will be \$60.5 million and New York’s will be \$32.6 million.

Governor Malloy received approval from the State Bond Commission on July 29, 2011 for the Connecticut share. The MTA board approved the New York portion of the purchase on July 27, 2011.

Meetings have begun for the design of the M-8 "single" car.

The roll out of the new M-8s on the New Haven Line (NHL) continues. Of the 380 M-8 order, the first 38 have been built in Kobe, Japan, and the remaining 342 are being built at Kawasaki's plant in Lincoln, Nebraska.

More M-8s in Service

Customers now have the opportunity to ride one or more of the 279 weekly trains (240 weekday and 39 weekend) operating in scheduled New Haven Line service with the five M-8 train sets. These trains operate during peak and off-peak service between New Haven, Stamford and Grand Central Terminal.

The new cars have received overwhelmingly positive customer feedback. Click here to see customer reaction:

<http://www.youtube.com/mtainfo#p/u/4/XC7TDH95glg>

M-8 Bike Rack Prototype

The Connecticut Department of Transportation and MTA Metro-North Railroad (MNR) tested two prototype bike mount systems specifically designed and manufactured for the M-8 fleet by Sportworks on a pair of new M-8s. There were opportunities for customers and members of bicycle advocacy groups to provide input on these prototypes through November 22, 2011. MNR is now preparing a report on the bike mounts and more information regarding the summary of customer feedback will be available in the coming months.

Production Progress

- All production is now being done in Lincoln, NE.
- There were 60 M-8 cars accepted for service by the end of 2011.